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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has examined the various representations received from pharma associations;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to give a boost to pharma industry in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)&(b): Various Departments/Ministries such as Department of Health, Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Finance etc. receive representations from pharma associations from time to time which are examined and considered on merits.

(c): In view of reply to (a) and (b) above,do not arise.

(d): In February, 2002, Government announced the `Pharmaceutical Policy-2002`. The main objectives of this policy are :-

(i) Ensuring abundant availability at reasonable prices within the country of good quality essential Pharmaceuticals of mass consumption.

(ii) Strengthening the indigenous capability for cost effective quality production and exports of Pharmaceuticals by reducing barriers to trade in the pharmaceutical sector.

(iii) Strengthening the system of quality control over drug and pharmaceutical product in and distribution to make quality an essential attribute of the Indian pharmaceutical industry and promoting rational use of Pharmaceuticals.

(iv) Encouraging R&D in the pharmaceutical sector in a manner compatible with the country`s needs and with particular focus on diseases endemic or relevant to India by creating an environment conducive to channelising a higher ievei of investment into R&D in Pharmaceuticals in India.

(v) Creating an incentive frame work for the pharmaceutical industry, which promotes new investment into pharmaceutical industry and encourages the introduction of new technologies and new drugs.

Various Departments/Ministries have taken various steps to give a boost to pharma industry in the country.